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Town, churches ponder Bethel community closet

By WENDY HANSCOM

Needy people in the Bethel area may soon be able to tap into the communities charitable resources at a central clearing house for used clothes, shoes, boots, and kitchen necessities, that is, if the newly formed resource committee realizes its goal.

Bethel Town Manager Madeleine Henley described the idea as sort of a

community closet, where churches, civic groups and private citizens can contribute items to one volunteer-run location.

Prior to Christmas, Henley invited local church and civic groups to a community resource inventory meeting. The goal of the meeting, she said, was to inventory and gather contact names for a referral directory of all help

available to the area's needy people. But out of the discussion also came the idea of centralizing some or all of the area's programs into one location, she said.

"We're not asking people to do more than they already do," Henley said. "We're asking them to try to get together, so that some people aren't left out in the cold. I've been running Bethel's general assistance program for a year and there were things at the December meeting that I found out were available that I didn't know about before. Now is a good time for civic organizations to get organized. Everyone has agreed to research the centralization idea, but if nothing else happens from this whole thing then the list I got of what is available, then I will still be very happy."

Henley said she sends general assistance applicants out to charitable organizations in order to reduce the amount of general assistance the town spends.

Preliminary plans for a community resource center include establishing a board of directors, Henley said. Members of the board may include local clergy, civic club members and other groups or individuals interested

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Heat's on fake IDs

Bethel police are cracking down on juveniles trying to pass fake IDs in town bars.

Since the first of the year, Bethel police have charged 12 juveniles with possession of altered driver's licenses or fake IDs. All 12 were turned in by the Sudbury Inn on Main Street. In 1991 there were no similar charges, according to the Bethel Police Chief Dale Bellman.

In the past, Bethel police have checked out local bars, but only infrequently, Bellman said. But because of a recent rash of juvenile fake IDs, the department will begin looking over the tavern crowds more frequently, he said.

Bellman said he's hoping all local

lounges will also be on the look out for people under 21.

"They're local and out-of-state kids," the chief said. "Some had fake IDs that looked like driver's licenses, altered driver's licenses, expired Maine driver's licenses or fake out-of-state ID cards. Bartenders should accept only a Maine state ID or driver's license."

Bellman said in 11 out of the 12 cases so far, the bartenders at the Sudbury Inn have called police and the juveniles have waited at the bar for police. One girl left the lounge, but was tracked to her hotel, he said.

Possession of an altered driver's license or fake ID card carries a fine and becomes part of the juvenile's criminal record, Bellman said.



OUCH!—Racer Aaron Gosselin of Pleasant Mountain Ski Club takes a gate the hard (headed) way Sunday, during action in the Mel Jodrey Memorial Race at Sunday River Ski Resort. The tough-minded skier was uninjured, but the bamboo gate was a wipe-out. Scores of skiers, including members of the U.S. Disabled Team and high school students and ski clubs from around the state participated in the race. Gould Academy's Leah Muliero placed 4th in the women's race and Telstar High School's Robin Michaud 18th. In the men's race, Gould's Carter Davidson was 8th; David Griffin, 12th; David Geiger, 17th and Bill Clifford, 18th.

(Photo by Sharon McNeill/Sunday River)

State Board of Ed. chair offers tips to CPS PTA

By WENDY HANSCOM

Getting SAD #44 taxpayers to approve the proposed addition to the Crescent Park School may not be easy, the chairman of the State Board of Education, told a dozen CPS PTA parents last week.

Speaking to the group at their monthly meeting last week, Jane Amero reminded the parents that state voters turned down six of seven big ticket referendum bonds in November.

"With the state's problems it may be hard to get people to support the project," Amero said. "But with construction so slow, we're able to build schools

right now cheaper than we've ever been able to."

Amero recommended that the district hold as many public hearings as possible on the proposed addition, consider creating a 10- to 15-minute video of conditions at the school, show the community how it will benefit from the addition and form a building committee that includes town officials, businesspeople and parents.

"You've got all the selling points here," Amero said, noting the number of portables used at the facility, the

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Auctioneer buys Edelweiss

The former Edelweiss Building at the corner of Main and Church streets in Bethel has been purchased by Dick Keenan, owner of Keenan Auction Company of Kingfield.

Keenan was the successful bidder at a Bethel Savings Bank foreclosure auction Friday. He paid \$125,000 plus back taxes and sewer charges for the building.

Keenan's immediate plans are to continue managing the building as

a rental property, according to Mary Jo Kennett, of Kennett Realty, who served as buyers' broker.

The building contains four rental apartments on the second floor and three businesses, two shops and a deli, downstairs.

Savings Bank vice president Phil Jackson, who handled the sale, said there were 10 people registered to bid on the building, but only three bids.



SWEET CLOVER, of Rumford will be the inaugural act at the Just Imagine Coffee House, Saturday evening at the West Parish Congregational Church.

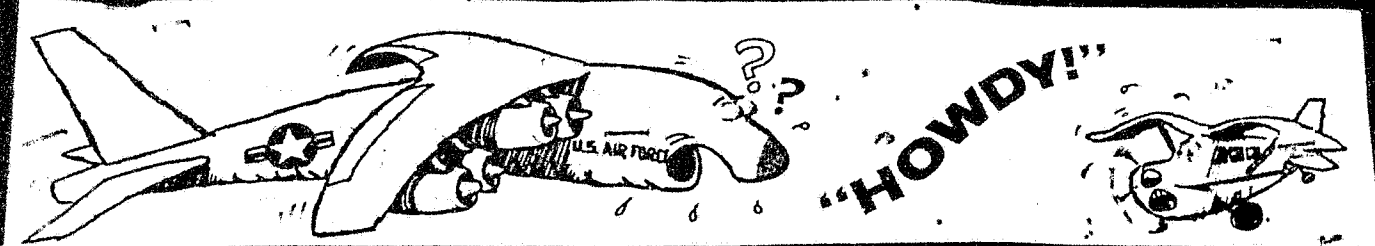
Coffee house premieres

The Rumford singing group, Sweet Clover, will appear at the Just Imagine Coffee House's premiere on Saturday evening, Feb. 1. This female trio consisting of Linda Blackman, Thea Dunn, and Elaine Michaud specializes in harmonic vocal sound. Supported by acoustic guitar and keyboards, the group will offer everything from pop to folk, from the Everly Brothers to Crosby, Stills and Nash, from original songs to ones by Carly Simon and Linda Ronstadt.

The Coffee House is open from 7 to 10 p.m. each Saturday through April in the dining room of the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street across from Gould

Academy's infirmary. It will offer local audiences a variety of entertainment in a chemical and smoke-free environment. Refreshments will be available at modest prices made possible by donations from Home Town Bakery, Mothers, and The Sudbury Inn.

Just Imagine Coffee House was created to bring together artists and audiences in search of each other. Additionally, the Coffee House should provide exposure to and appreciation of all art forms. Proceeds from Saturday evenings' events will be used to promote the development of an area center for all facets of creative art.



THERE IS A LOW LEVEL, HIGH SPEED
JET ROUTE IN YOUR AREA OF OPERATION

For further information, consult
your AIRMAN'S INFORMATION
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AIR ALERT—This somewhat dated poster at the Col. Dyke Airport warns local pilots to be on the watch for low-flying military aircraft using the training

route nearby. But the minimum altitude in the route has recently been raised to 1,500 feet, which should make any surprise midair encounters less likely.

Military jets must now fly higher in Western Maine training routes

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The National Guard Bureau has raised the minimum altitude at which military aircraft can train over much of western Maine.

Pilots who have previously been allowed to train at treetop level will be now required to stay above 100 feet over most of the area, and above 500, 1,000 or 1,500 feet over designated areas where safety or resident complaints are a concern.

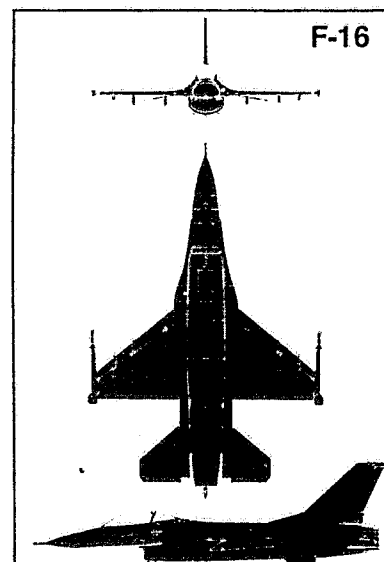
The new rules apply to flights in VFR (Visual Flight Rules) Route 840, which overlies much of the local area (see map). The rules do not involve flights in the Condor MOA (Military Operating Area), which also overlies the area, and in which the Guard has proposed lowering the training floor from 7,000 to 300 feet.

The Guard has also established an 800 telephone number for residents to use to report low-level flight violations by military aircraft.

The moves are in response to residents' complaints about noisy low-level training and alleged violations of current regulations, according to Bob Lake, of the Air National Guard's Aerospace Management Branch (AMB). The AMB is responsible for

scheduling flights in the military training areas.

The complaints came to light during public "scoping sessions" held last



year on the Guard's plan to lower the Condor MOA floor.

"We were totally unprepared for the anger and frustration people felt," Lake said. Most of the complaints came from residents of the Rangeley

Lakes region, who told of jets flying at treetop levels over built-up and residential areas and "buzzing" residents on the ground or on the lakes.

Locally, similar problems were reported by residents in the Ellis River Valley and on Hutchinson Pond.

The Guard hopes the new rules will eliminate the worst of these problems—which have become a public relations embarrassment at a time when the Guard is trying to lower the Condor floor and to bring far more low-level flights into the area.

Lake said the minimum altitude for flights anywhere in VFR 840 has now been raised to 100 feet. Over the Ellis River valley the floor has been raised to 500 feet, and in a four-mile wide "bubble" over Hutchinson Pond the

minimum altitude is now 1,000 feet.

Lake said that geographical features along the river valley and at the pond tended to draw pilots to those areas—resulting in a high concentration of flights over the heads of residents below.

In addition to those changes, Lake said, the minimum altitude along the route from just north of Mt. Abram to the Androscoggin River has been raised to 1500 feet, in order to avoid air traffic patterns at the Col. Dyke Airport.

Most of the airport traffic is from 800 to 1,000 feet, according to local pilot Bob Saunders. There haven't been any

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Transfer station planned for Bethel landfill site

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel officials are moving ahead with plans to establish a transfer station at the site of the town's current landfill on Route 2.

The plans took a step forward last week when the town received a waiver from abutting landowners granting permission for the station to be situated within 250 feet of the landowners' property line.

Department of Environmental Protection regulations require a 250-foot setback from property lines, but the abutters, Jeremiah and Pamela Gotjen of Syracuse N.Y. waived that requirement—on the conditions that the transfer station be located at least 100 feet from their property line and general maintenance at the site be provided by an on-site attendant.

The landfill site is the only town-owned site that is suitable for a transfer station, according to Town

Manager Madeleine Henley.

The town's solid waste committee and selectmen have discussed other possibilities, she said, but all of the candidates (for example, the site of the current recycling center) are either too close to nearby houses, or fail to meet other regulatory criteria.

"Other than this site, there's really nothing," she said.

Town Planning Assistant Stacy Benjamin is currently drafting a permit-by-rule application for a transfer station at the landfill. The permit-by-rule provision of the state's solid waste management regulations does not involve close DEP scrutiny of the application.

Henley said the selectmen also planned to call a public hearing before going ahead with any final plans to locate a transfer station.

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FOLK ARTS SAMPLER



Presented by Mahosuc Arts & Maine Arts Inc.
Friday, January 31, 7:30 PM
Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy
Featuring: Lester White, Singer & Step Dancer; Carl Brooks, "Limberjack"
Manipulator; Norman Gagnon, Franco-American Accordion Player; Walfred Hamari, Finnish-American Singer & Storyteller; Dot Canwell & Richard Fell's Orchestra and Doc Tikander and The Old Settlers.
Tickets: Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Children \$2. Available at Preb's or call 824-3575 for reservations.

Letters to the editor

TIMBER ENDS RESPONSE

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly compliment you on the quality of your recent article about the proposed White Mountain National Forest, Wild River Timber Sales. In general, it accurately and clearly represented the concerns of all parties involved in the appeal.

I would like to make a few clarifying points since I have received a number of phone calls regarding the article.

First, your article categorized the appellants (those formally objecting to the proposal) as "environmentalists." While I believe these people are sincerely interested in the environment, I know that we in the U.S. Forest Service, as well as local residents involved in logging and the wood industry, are also sincerely concerned about the environment. Labeling a group as "environmentalists" may be an easy way to make a reference in an article but it should be avoided.

Secondly, the economics of this proposal was somewhat misleading in the article. We analyze our projects using two economic methods. The first method which your article summarized, looks at strictly benefits and costs on a cash basis. However, the bridge and roads will be used well beyond the 10-year time period cited. In addition, the new bridge would replace the existing unsafe bridge which provides the only snowmobile crossing of the Wild River. This crossing is part of a major State of New Hampshire snowmobile trail. Our second economic analysis method looks at a longer time period and assigns dollar values to recreational visits. This analysis resulted in a positive \$100,000 return for the proposed timber sale project. Neither of the above methods include any dollar value for wildlife benefits resulting from the proposed harvesting and yet, as the article suggested, wildlife is a major factor in harvest designs and therefore costs.

Finally, I want to make one comment on the "To cut? or not to cut?" article in the same edition of your paper. I understand some people think we subsidize or give away timber on this national forest. In fact, all of our timber is marked by government employees, advertised and sold to the highest bidder. The prices we receive are usually higher than average prices on private lands.

I encourage anyone who would like more information about this proposal or management in general of the White Mountain National Forest to call or visit our office on Route 2.

Wayne Miller
Assistant District Ranger
Evans Notch Ranger District
White Mountain National Forest

HOW THE WEST WAS LOGGED

To the Editor:

In last week's article entitled, "To Cut? Or not to cut?" I was quoted correctly as saying that I thought that "some old growth forests in the West may have been cut too quickly" and that "some of the western clearcuts are too large."

I would like to take the opportunity to elaborate on these statements because I do not want to leave anyone with the impression that I think our Western friends are not now using good forest management practices. On the contrary, I do think that they are using good forest management practices. I feel the same about clearcuts in the East as in the West; sizes of clearcut areas needed to be reduced for aesthetic reasons. The public simply does not like the looks of them, though good forestry calls for clearcuts and it happens more often in the West.

For many years, the USFS encouraged the forest industry in the West to gear up to use more valuable old trees, before they were lost to natural disasters (fire outbreaks, disease, windstorms, etc.), to improve the vigor of the forests and to help local economies. The industry followed this suggestion, and invested a lot of money in equipment. Unfortunately, now, because of public pressure, the USFS has reversed itself, resulting in the closing of a lot of companies and the loss of jobs for many individuals.

I have a friend named Bruce Vincent, who lives in Libby, Mont., and works for his family's logging company. Two years ago when I saw him, he said that their business still had 65

employees but to get enough work, they frequently had to travel up to eight hours in one direction. When I saw him again a few months ago, he said that they now had 15 employees and by the end of the month, they would have to reduce this work force further. Three quarters of the businesses in Libby have closed already.

My feeling that the harvesting level of old growth forests may have been too high has been influenced by the public perception that this is true and not because of environmental reasons. The notion (promoted by environmental groups) that the world is going to go to hell in a handbasket if we don't set aside seven million of acres of old growth forests for one species of wildlife (Northern Spotted Owl) that prefers decaying forests is ridiculous.

I feel strongly about Easterners getting correct information about Western forests. Frequently, it has been Eastern politicians, influenced by local and national environmental groups, who have passed legislation that has been harmful to Western land owners and land users. National and some local environmental groups feel empowered by Western successes to propose actions that would over regulate and over control public and private lands in northern New England. Recent attempts to pass legislation that could lead to the "greenlining" of millions of acres of forest land in the northern New England states are an example of this.

Y. Leon Favre
President
Multiple Use Association

PREPARING FOR SPAIN

To the Editor:

June and Spain have one thing in common. Both seem a long way away. That is except for 16 middle school students from the Bethel area that are raising money to travel to the Mediterranean this summer. June is not that far away, and neither is Spain in their minds. The Rotary Club of Bethel is again sponsoring a trip to Spain for middle school students from Bethel. These youngsters have already sold oranges, had food sales and sold refreshments at Mahosuc Arts concerts, hoping to raise the needed \$925 per person plane fare to Spain. The Spanish government sponsors the trip and covers all expenses while the Maine students are in Spain. So far the youth have raised \$200 each toward the price of the tickets.

For those who hosted a student from Spain, the distance seems shortened. A Christmas note that says, "My family is looking forward to meeting you," brings a smile to the face of a new traveler. Interest is keen on finding Barcelona, the site of the Summer Olympics, on the map. Geography becomes real, not just an exercise to fulfill a school requirement. Young people still talk of the language translations between Spanish and English.

Bethel families listened to the slang expressions as well as learned some of the culture of Spain. In addition the Spanish students taught the flamenco dance. Those in the eighth grade at Telstar have had an opportunity to taste Spanish in school and are fascinated, knowing that for two weeks in the beginning of summer they will be immersed in those sounds.

And friendships are real. Friendships over the continents continue over the years. This will be the third trip from Bethel to Mijas, Spain. These young friendships go a long way toward world understanding.

Upcoming fund-raising events include a 50/50 raffle, food sales at Wildcat and Mt. Abram, bottle drives Feb. 8, March 7, April 11, May 9 and June 13. The super yard sale will be at Davis' lumberyard in Bethel, April 11. When you start spring cleaning, save some of those worn-out or unwanted items and donate them for the Spanish American Youth Exchange.

Jane Chandler
Woodstock

LOCAL HOBO HISTORY

To the Editor:

This letter was inspired by a cat, a cat named Hobo. A group of ladies taking an adult education writing class were discussing their pets one morning. The cat prompted a discussion of

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BOTTLES FOR SPAIN—Telstar Middle School students are collecting and sorting bottles to raise money for a trip to Mijas, Spain this summer. Shown above, from the lower left, are Donna Lawrence, Lydia Grover, Becky Chandler, Cindy Wheeler and Keith Stevens. The group has a bottle drive the second Saturday of each month, the next one on Feb. 8. The students are also collecting items for a super yard sale on April 11. (Photo by Jane Chandler)

Jets

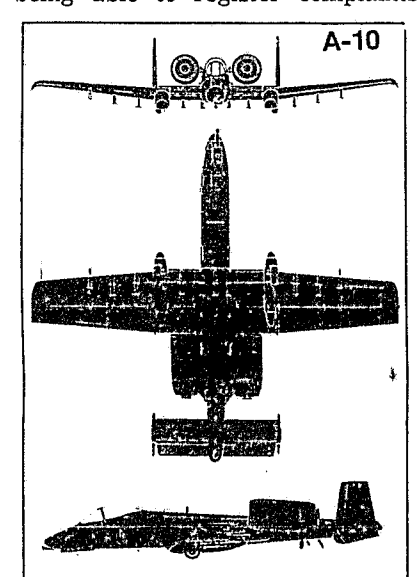
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reported close calls with military aircraft at the airport, he said, but the possibility was always a concern. The new floor, he said, "should keep them well separated from the airport traffic."

Lake said that additional altitude restrictions have also been put into place over the Rangeley area.

Approximately 170 flights a year use the VFR route, Lake said, with the planes usually flying in groups of two to four and always traveling from south to north.

At last year's scoping sessions residents also complained about not being able to register complaints



about overflights, because there was no central telephone number to call.

Lake said the Guard hoped the new 800 number (which is expected to be operational in February) will eliminate that source of citizen frustration.

The Guard will investigate all incidents reported to the new number, he said, but it would be helpful if callers could identify the exact time and place of the incident and the type of aircraft involved. (Silhouettes of F-16s and A-10s, the most commonly seen military aircraft in the area, are included in this article.)

The new telephone number is 1-800-241-3005.

Lake said that pilots who deliberately violate the flight rules are disciplined, but in most cases, he claimed, the problem turns out to be one of communications.

Lake and other Guard representatives were in the area last week to explain the new regulations and to talk with local pilots and residents who had voiced concerns at the scoping sessions.

The environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposal to lower the Condor training floor is also due to be released within the week. Lake said the timing of the Guard's visit had no connection to EIS release.

VFRs, MOAs and A-10s

At least three levels of military training flights regularly use the airspace over this part of western Maine.

In addition to the ground-hugging, 300-plus miles-per-hour flythroughs in VFR 840, military planes also exercise in the Condor MOA—a 200 square mile restricted training area whose southern border runs roughly through West Paris.

Operations in Condor are currently limited to altitudes between 7,000 and 18,000 feet, but the National Guard has proposed lowering the Condor operation floor to 300 feet, in order to accommodate the training needs of new squadrons of F-16s in the Northeast.

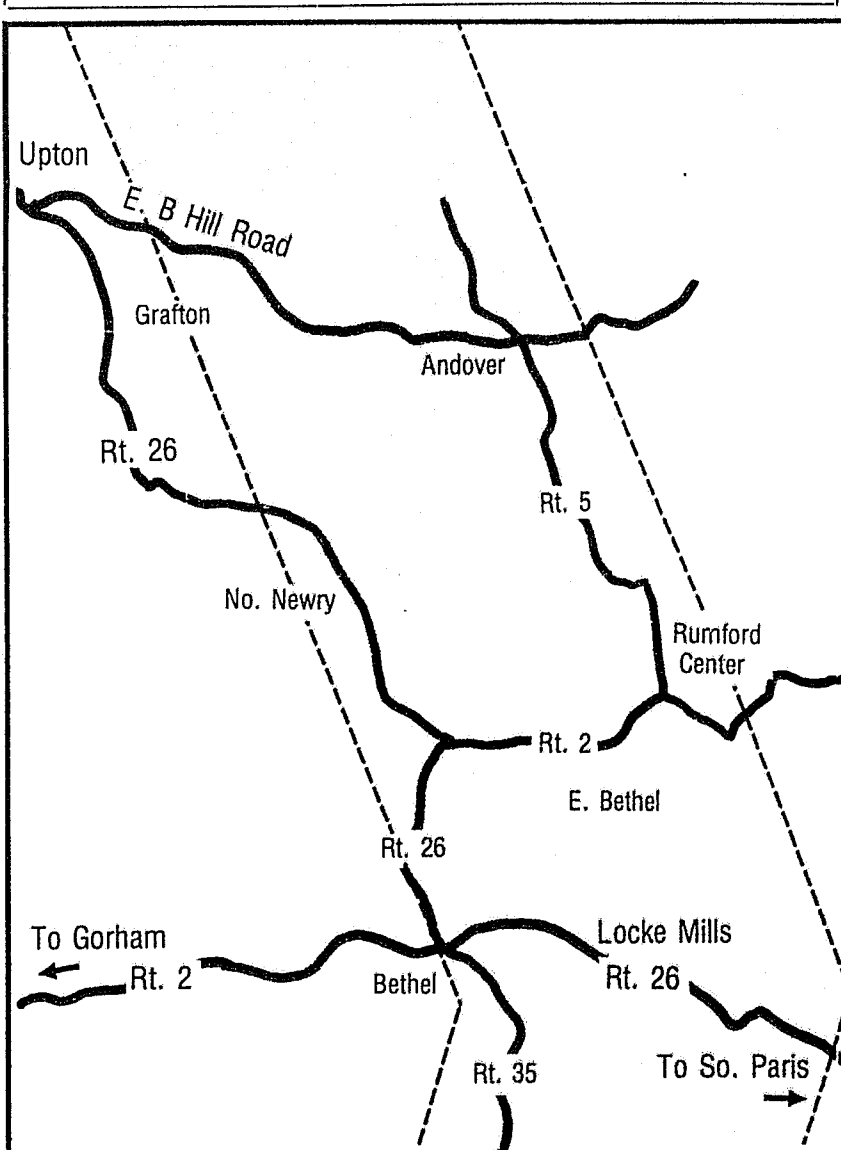
The VFR and MOA overlies each other over much of the SAD #44 area.

Military flights, however, are not limited to these designated training areas. A-10s, a close ground support attack aircraft, also exercise in the

area and at extremely low altitudes. Because they operate at speeds less than 250 knots, A-10s are not restricted to the training areas and are free to fly wherever general aviation is allowed.

But the low-level A-10 flyovers may soon be only a memory. The two New England squadrons currently flying the plane are scheduled to convert soon to F-16s—which is one of the reasons the Guard gives for wanting to lower the operations floor in Condor. Because the F-16s are much faster than the A-10s, they are restricted to military operating areas.

The Condor proposal has been opposed by some local residents and by the Maine Congressional delegation, but it is still moving ahead. An environmental impact statement on the proposal is expected to be released within the week, and to be followed by public hearings in the affected areas.



TRAINING ROUTE—VFR 840 (shaded area) covers much of the SAD #44 area and accounts for most of the military overflights currently seen in the area. The National Guard Bureau has recently raised the minimum altitude in the route to 100 feet. In specially designated areas, such as the along the Ellis River valley, over Hutchinson Pond and near the Col. Dyke Airport, the training flights must operate even higher. (Map by Wendy Nutting-Bailey)

School aid cut will now be \$6,000 less than expected

By WENDY HANSCOM

At Monday's brief regular board meeting, SAD #44 directors learned that the district's loss in state aid for the current school year will be approximately \$6,000 less than previously expected.

The district had been planning for \$95,000 in cuts, according to Superintendent of Schools Dewaine Craig, but final figures from the Department of Education came in at \$89,000.

To deal with the expected cuts, administrators already planned to cut the Special Ed. out-of-district placement fund by \$50,000 and eliminated out-of-district field trips and non-essential purchases.

Craig said he still has no proposed state aid figures for the next school year.

While the funding debate continues in Augusta, district administrators have delayed the beginning of next year's budget building process by a month, he said.

In other business Monday night, Administrative Assistant Bruce Powell announced the latest carbon dioxide testing results of district classrooms.

When initial CO₂ testing was conducted by the state in March, the district had CO₂ readings as high as 4,200 ppm in one Crescent Park School portable, which far exceeded the state recommended limit of 1,000 ppm.

But since the installation of air exchangers in portable classrooms, there are no longer any district classrooms—portable or regular—that have readings over 2,000, Powell said.

After the meeting, Powell said he and maintenance personnel tested portable classrooms again in November and regular classrooms for the first time in December. He said the two types of classrooms now have similar readings.

The state Bureau of Public Improvements has warned school districts that CO₂ levels above 1,500

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THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society are reminded that the next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 6, in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

As this is the annual historical film night, several films will be shown, including one on ice harvesting in the early years of the 20th century and one honoring the age of exploration and discovery, "The Land of Norumbega," focusing on the search for great riches by early explorers in the area now Maine. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is cordially invited to do so.

Charles Fobes, in an article published in "Appalachia" in 1955, describes the origins and relatively short life of the White Mountain Club of Portland. Several of the founders had Bethel connections (John Mead Gould and Edward Morse attended Gould Academy; Daniel S. Hastings was a Bethel native). The club was founded in 1873 and lasted until 1884. Its members were primarily interested in recreation, but some were scientifically oriented; several were artists, including Harrison Bird Brown, who is today known as one of the most famous New England landscape artists. Daniel Hastings acquired a painting of Mahosuc Notch by another White Mountain Club of Portland member who also was an artist (Fred Morse) that still hangs in his house. From John Mead Gould's notes we know the club climbed Farwell Mountain, Barker Mountain, Tumbledown Dick, Speckled Mountain, Mount Carrigan, Goose Eye, Sunday River Whitecap, Bear River Whitecap, Puzzle Mountain and Mahosuc Notch. This club and the Alpine Club of Williamstown, Mass., pre-dated the founding of the Appalachian Mountain Club in 1876, but only the latter survives today.

LOOKING BACK

10 years ago: Mac and Bunny MacMunn purchased the former Blanchard property (King's Inn) in Mason. Sunday River Ski Touring Center hosted its first citizens' ski touring race. New solid-state electronic tone generating equipment for touch-tone capability was installed in Andover.

Births: Woodrow MacArthur, Owen Curtis, Clarence Hutchins, Perley DeWitt.

20 years ago: Jackson Silver Post #68, American Legion, celebrated its 50th anniversary of existence. Basil Kinney was named Superintendent of SAD #44 to succeed Robert Gerardi. The ell portion of the Jorgen Olson home on Mechanic Street was extensively damaged by a smoky blaze.

Marriage: Jo Ann Perry and Robert Griffin.

Death: Richard Blake Sr.

30 years ago: A surprise housewarming was given Ronald and Marguerite Kendall at their new home on Paradise Street. "Ask Any Girl" was selected by David Thompson as the 18th senior play he directed at Gould Academy. Local members of the cast included Tim Brooks, Elizabeth Waldron, Margaret Nelson, Claudia DeMonte and Sharon York. Gary Hill was selected for the lead role.

Birth: Janet Marston.

Death: Herman Billings.

40 years ago: Richard Littlefield enlisted in the U.S. Army, reporting to duty at Fort Devens, Mass. Fluorescent lighting was installed at the Bethel Savings Bank located in the Cole Block. Robert Keniston was elected president of the Men's Brotherhood.

Marriages: Marilyn Mace and Richard Hebert; Rosabelle Macdonald and Robert Tiff.

Deaths: Ellen Elwell, Lewis Chadwick.

50 years ago: The pumper company of the Bethel Fire Department enjoyed a steak dinner at the Legion rooms. The number of tires apportioned to Oxford County for sale during February were for passenger cars, 21 tires and 18 tubes, for trucks, 43 tires and 73 tubes.

Marriages: Marjorie Burns and Lt. Philip E. Thornton; Virginia Blake and Ralph Stewart Jr.

Deaths: H. Elmer Fiske, Hannah Edwards.

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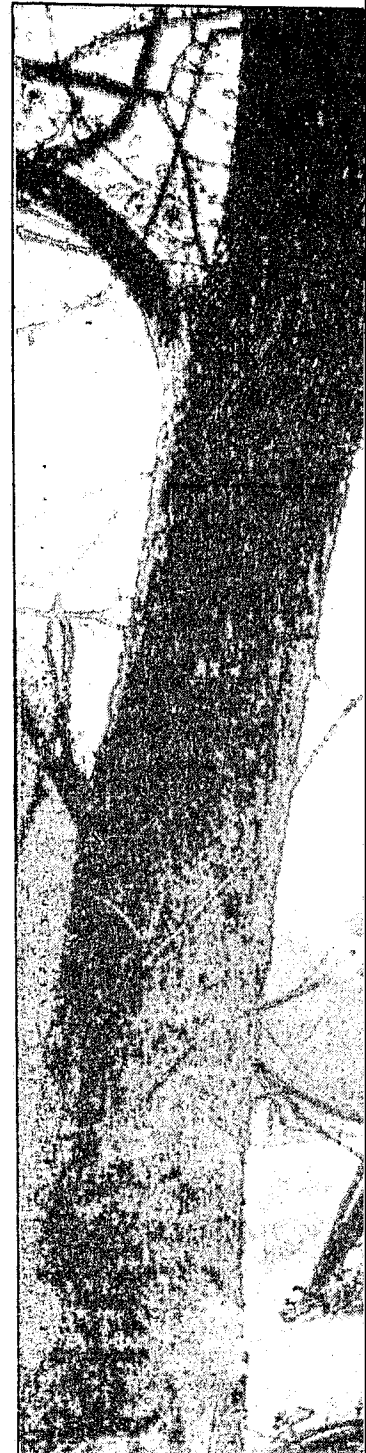
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Transfer station

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The town will need to have a transfer station set up by May, she said, the last cell in the landfill is expected to be filled.

The town, along with many other Maine towns, is under a DEP order shut down its landfill by Dec. 1992—whether it is filled or not.

The DEP had originally demanded that the landfill be closed by the end of last year, but that deadline

Bethel police

On Saturday, Jan. 18 at 12:50 p.m. police notified the Maine Department of Transportation that roads 2 and 26 were icing up.

At 9:40 a.m. a Bethel man reported a burglary.

At 10:20 a.m. police responded to a one-vehicle accident on the Middle Intervale Road.

At 11:12 p.m. a Mechanic Street resident complained that an tractor-trailer truck was keeping him awake.

On Sunday, Jan. 19 at 11:48 a.m. a Main Street lounge reported wanted subjects.

On Monday, Jan. 20 at 3:30 a.m. a Route 2 gas station man reported theft of services.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 1:20 p.m. the Oxford County Sheriff's Department asked police to be on lookout for a vehicle with New Jersey license plates. The driver was wanted for questioning New York City delivery truck hijacking.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 10:00 a.m. police notified MDOT of an accident near the Rabbit Road.

At 7 p.m. Berlin, N.H. police advised Bethel police to be on the lookout for a vehicle involved in a hit and run in Berlin.

At 5:45 p.m. a Main Street resident reported a suspicious person looking in her windows.

At 6:10 p.m. an unknown source reported a possible chimney fire on Main Street.

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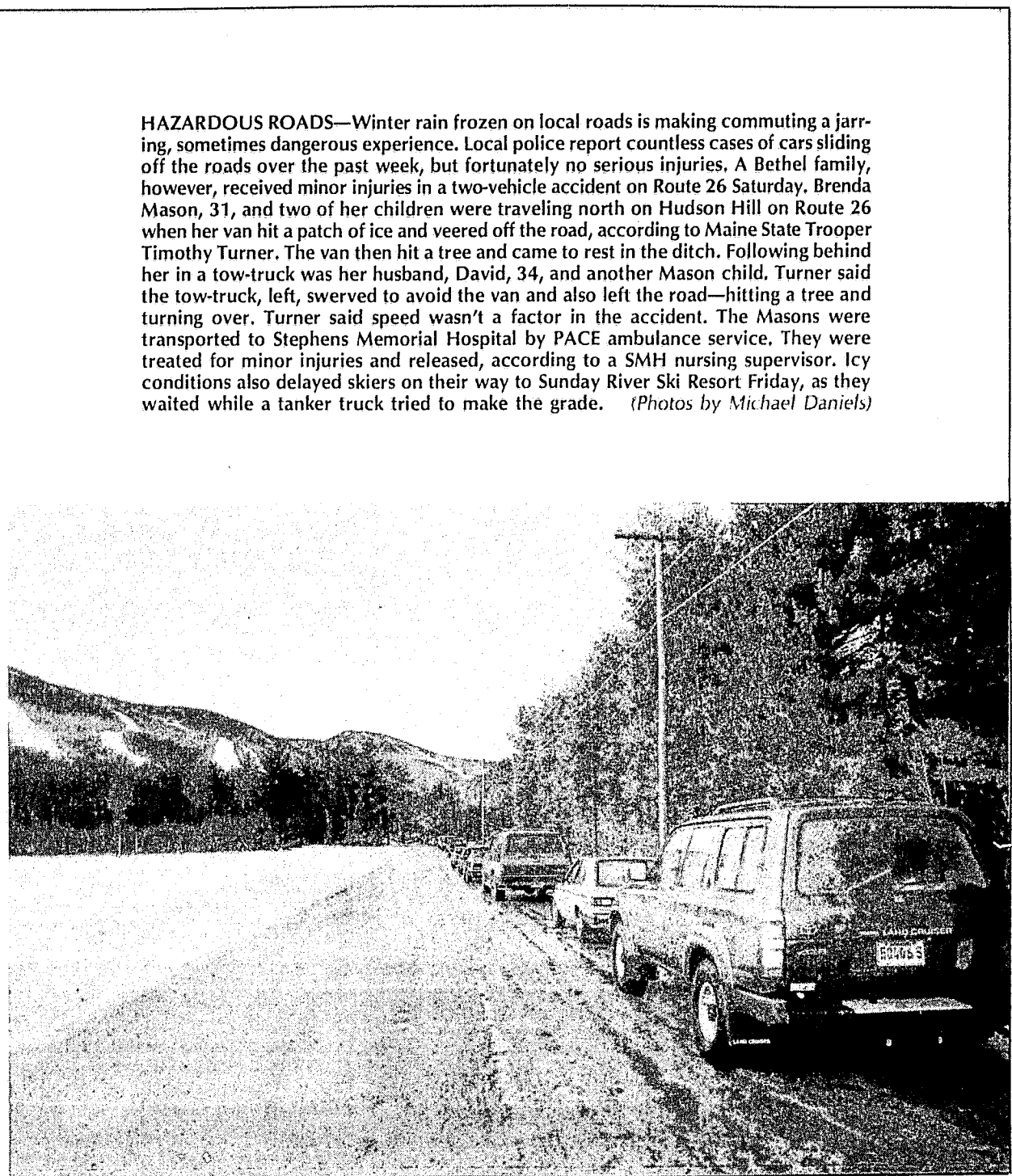
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town's recent pur- ng at the Airport In- newly formed Air-ark Committee is s for the use of the local businesses in- cility to formulate at committee. The ill be given to pro- erate new jobs. Madeleine Henley Town Manager



HAZARDOUS ROADS—Winter rain frozen on local roads is making commuting a jarring, sometimes dangerous experience. Local police report countless cases of cars sliding off the roads over the past week, but fortunately no serious injuries. A Bethel family, however, received minor injuries in a two-vehicle accident on Route 26 Saturday. Brenda Mason, 31, and two of her children were traveling north on Hudson Hill on Route 26 when her van hit a patch of ice and veered off the road, according to Maine State Trooper Timothy Turner. The van then hit a tree and came to rest in the ditch. Following behind her in a tow-truck was her husband, David, 34, and another Mason child. Turner said the tow-truck, left, swerved to avoid the van and also left the road—hitting a tree and turning over. Turner said speed wasn't a factor in the accident. The Masons were transported to Stephens Memorial Hospital by PACE ambulance service. They were treated for minor injuries and released, according to a SMH nursing supervisor. Icy conditions also delayed skiers on their way to Sunday River Ski Resort Friday, as they waited while a tanker truck tried to make the grade. (Photos by Michael Daniels)

Transfer station

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The town will need to have a transfer station set up by May, she said, when the last cell in the landfill is expected to be filled.

The town, along with many other Maine towns, is under a DEP order to shut down its landfill by Dec. 31, 1992—whether it is filled or not.

The DEP had originally demanded that the landfill be closed by the end of last year, but that deadline was

relaxed due to the state's fiscal problems.

The town will be able to use the landfill site until Dec. 31 for white goods, tires and demolition debris. And the town's solid waste committee has applied to the DEP for permission to continue using the site for these types of waste until 1994.

The selectmen have also considered relocating the recycling center to the landfill site, but the idea has been opposed by residents concerned that moving the center from its convenient

in-town location (behind the ambulance barn) would hamper the town's recycling efforts.

The advantage of such a move, Henley said, is that the transfer station attendant would also be able to look after the recycling center. The current recycling center is unattended, which has led to problems with goods being placed in the wrong containers.

The solid waste committee will meet on Feb. 5 to discuss these matters further. The public is invited.

Letters

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the word "Hobo," which, in turn, led them into research and some interesting discoveries.

Hobos first originated at the turn of the century with immigrants and American-born workers travelling from job to job. They were almost always young, unmarried men. They all shared itchy feet and a detestation of regimentation. Hoboism was at its height between the two world wars. The depression drove them out looking for work and a chance to see the country by railroad. In many large cities by the railroads, you would find places called hobo jungles, where they could gather and tell tales of their travels, discover new places to go, and see friends they had met through their journeys on the railroads.

Any small town or community with a railroad has a hobo history. Hobos have a sign language all of their own. They paint or mark on houses along the railroad tracks to let other hobos know they are welcome and can get food there. In Bethel, the town had a one room building with two jail cells where the local sheriff could lock up drunks or criminals. It came to be known as the "lock-up" on High Street. Court was also held there from time to time. The hobos knew they could go there to spend the night and get

something to eat. The sheriff or constable would see that they were made comfortable and fed. In later years, the caretaking of the lock-up and hobos was handed down to different people who lived on High Street. In the late fifties, the trains stopped running full-time and very few hobos used the lock-up. It was then torn down and the land sold. The end of an era had come.

Today we don't see the hobos like we used to. They still exist, but mostly in big cities around the railroad yards. There are about 5,000 full-time hobos nationwide. We see more homeless people today because of the economic problems we face. They are families and people with no jobs or places to stay going from town to town in hopes of finding a job and a new start. In the cities you will also find tramps and bums. They are not hobos or homeless people, because homeless people and hobos will work, tramps won't, and bums can't.

While completing the research for this piece, students were unable to discover any pictures of the old hobo haven, the "Lock-up." If anyone has thoughts or pictures they'd care to share, please write:

Jacklyn C. Roberts
Bethel

MISDIRECTED RESCUE

To the Editor:

On Jan. 9, approximately 3:30, Oxford County dispatcher toned out Tri-Town Rescue for a cardiac arrest at my dad's (Wilfred Lowe) residence on the Gore Road in Bryant Pond. Specific directions on the location were given to the driver of the rescue unit. Forty-five minutes later the driver of the rescue unit informed the dispatcher that she was lost and had no idea where she was. This is fact, not hearsay, as my wife as well as everyone in the community with scanners heard her. My stepmother is a certified, registered, critical care nurse, and spent close to an hour trying her best to keep him alive, after the 911 number failed, and before the

rescue unit finally arrived.

I'm not saying that if the rescue unit had been there sooner, it would have saved my dad's life, but what I'm saying, is that this individual doesn't seem to be qualified as a rescue unit driver.

Some day there could be a life or death situation, and sense of direction may be crucial.

Not every family has a relative with medical ability.

I'm sure the driver was upset, but not half as upset as my stepmother was knowing that possibly one's life could have been spared. A lot of citizens from this community have wondered what kind of a horror show this really was. You would have thought that someone from the rescue unit would have the human decency to explain to my stepmother, or someone in the family as to what really happened. Someone should see that this situation doesn't happen again.

Charles A. Lowe
Bryant Pond

BART THE BEAR ROUSES TO SUPPORT REBEL HOOPSTERS

To the Editor:

Tired of the long winter and showing just a touch of cabin fever, a local celebrity has decided to come out of hibernation early to support a worthy cause.

Originally from Vermont, Bart the Bear came to the Telstar area about a year ago. He traveled extensively around the area, helping to raise money for Greenwood's 175th Birthday celebration. He is no stranger to the public, having made appearance at local banks, supermarkets and

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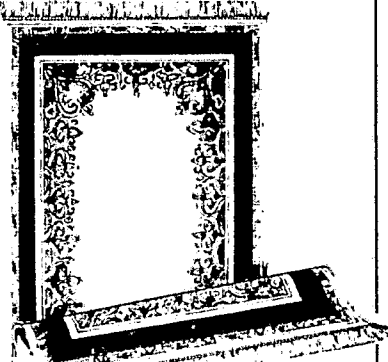
In his short public career, Bart rode in the Greenwood parade, officiated at the oldtimers' game, and was last seen at the Old Home Days in Andover. Since then, he has resided quietly at the home of Raymond and Shirley Seames in Greenwood. It was here that Bart learned of the Telstar girls basketball teams and their efforts to raise money to go to basketball camp.

Wanting to support this worthy cause (and being just a little bored with his present life), he has agreed to join the team in their fund-raising efforts. As the object of a raffle, Bart will appear locally with the lady Rebels until early June, when he will make his new home with the lucky winner.

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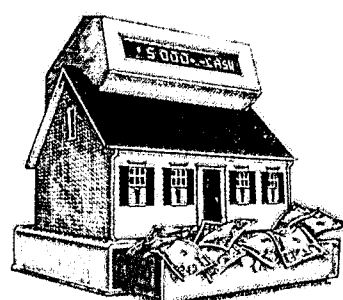
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ALICE HOYT

In a few years curator has worked to develop part at the historical began by donating on the subject to the. Then he found-and of small art prints to of course, he realized was some original some of that in as well. original oil landscape by a friend of his. an abstract painting he ed at the University of w. Finally he gave. purchased at Mollycodd is how art came to the is very conscientious in anything he finds. He ctive member of the hitee. The library has a 20th century antiques. range #124 met on Mon-Jan. 20, for instruction and Myrtle Bisbee, nty-two members were program was as follows: ew Years Wish" by Viva music Dot Canwell, t and Johnny Howe; "ness" Alice Hoyt; Viva a story to which people blanks with the name of Viva Whitman. Next be exchange of Valen-will be a blueberry cake to enter.

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VISITING EDUCATION CHAIRMAN—Maine State Board of Education Chairman, Jane Amero, left, discusses state education funding with local PTA co-presidents Pattie Parsons and Cyndy Kane Olson. Amero told the CPS PTA parents last week that state funds for education will probably continue to be cut. She also gave advice on how the group could help get the school's proposed addition approved by district voters. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

Amero

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lack of a lunch room and gymnasium. "It's just putting together the right mix and getting people to go out and sell the whole idea," she said. "You've got to sell people on the fact that they can use the facility and then follow through with it after construction. It's good that you people have already planned for that. There's no limit to what the possibilities are."

Amero added that a long-range district-wide facility plan might also help gain local and state approval. The plan would show voters and state officials just what the district plans to do with its present facilities, and outline its possible future expansion needs, she said.

In July, SAD #44 is scheduled to appear before the state board of education for conceptual approval of the CPS addition. Before that meeting, the district is planning several public hearings on the proposal. If the project gains state approval, it will go to a district-wide referendum vote next fall. If that vote is positive, the district will come before the education board again for final funding approval.

Amero cautioned that state approval of school projects is not as easy to get as it used to be.

"It was usually felt that once you reached this stage (the project is on the state's "protected list") it was a given that the project would be accepted by the state," Amero said, "but that's no longer the case. Just last month we turned down two projects."

Amero said the projects were turned down because the state board felt they didn't represent the best use of "limited funds—"when there are plans like you have here that need state funding so badly."

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Funding formula debate

Changes in the way the state funds education may also be on the horizon, Amero told PTA parents. She said one of the main problems is that larger municipalities are no longer happy with the present system.

"Those communities are extremely upset that they're not sharing more heavily in state funds," Amero said. "More and more people say the system is not fair."

The current state system is based solely on property tax figures. Amero said there is a grassroots effort to change that system to somehow include population figures.

"The school funding formula is under attack by all different groups from across the state," Amero said. "Some advocate each student in the state getting the same amount of money and the rest of the money needed would have to be raised through local taxation." She said that would be a burden to many small rural communities.

There are districts in the state that receive as little as 5 percent state funding and as high as 91 percent, Amero said. The state average is about 50 percent. SAD #44 is at about the state average, said CPS Principal David Murphy.

"It's kind of a Robin Hood formula," Amero said, "We've got a problem and we may have to take a whole new look at funding and come up with a new formula." She said that even though the funding formula has been debated in Augusta for months, no change in it is expected soon.

Amero praised the PTA parents for the interest they show in their children's education. "I think PTAs across the state are the strongest friends of education," she said. "You are the people who can work hard to make the changes you know we need."

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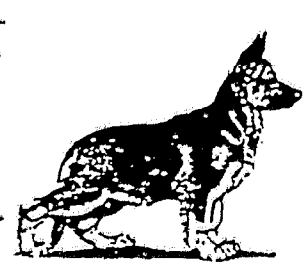
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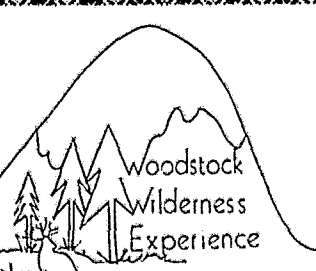


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By VIRGINIA WALKER

Eric Gunther, son of Sandra Gunther, will be a participant in a Tanya Tucker video on Channel 36, 12 in March or April. The video was made on Jan. 12, 1992.

Aimee Bauer and Melissa Walker visited Mrs. Donald Walker at Sudbury Village on Saturday, Jan. 19. Melissa came in first for girls on the second team Cross-Country for Mt. Blue High School at the Bethel Inn Cross-Country course.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Farrell and Sue Derek, Waterbury, Conn. visited Mr. and Mrs. Randal Stevens last week and enjoyed skiing at Sunday River.

Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

I took out my scrapbook today to see what I had written just 10 years ago at this time and because the week hasn't been much of a hiking week I'm rewriting what I read.

The rains of earlier this week changed the face of our pond. At times it came down like rods. It poured down gutters, rushed down slopes, turning paths into brooks and washed loose soil to brown the pond ice.

Sanborn River set itself free, pushing the ice down stream. Then it was floated above the ice lodging in various places and sizes. It stayed to mar the smooth transparent sheet.

But between times I have taken several hikes on wood trails. Walking in the woods at this time of year, I notice things that escaped my attention when the leaves, birds and flowers were here.

I have found many nests including that of the robin, which I knew must be near the lawn. It was, in the apple tree, where I had looked many times. But seeing the oriole's nest surprised me most. I had watched the Mrs. take my string and fly away with it and both at my oranges but I never found their home until now. It wasn't hidden but I guess I looked too high.

The blue jay called its challenge to the frozen world.

Now, too, I noticed several kinds of fungi growing on trees of different species. They resemble various things, horses' hoofs, mushrooms and shelves. The shelf-like ones are the artist's fungus. I found two large ones on the same tree, clean, thick, and buffy white. But if it is scratched it turns brown. My artistic sister-in-law has etched landscapes and other beautiful scenes into their soft, porous surfaces.

On the upper side one sees what looks like growth rings but its age can't be told by counting rings, as on trees. While this fungus is living out its life cycle it gradually decomposes the tree on which it is living. I looked at them then moved on.

The aspens and the birches were bare tracteries against the sky and the spruces and pines dark masses against the mauve of the distant hills. There were hollows filled with



CELEB SKIERS AT MT. ABRAM—A host of radio and TV personalities turned out Saturday for the Airwaves Celebrity Ski Off at Mt. Abram. Radio station WTHH—Thunder 107 won the downhill and relay races, and WCSH Channel 6's Cindy Williams was the fastest women's skier. In addition to Williams, the celebrities included Lee Nelson, Steve Minnick, John Williams, Amy Hooper, Amy Godfrey and Fred Garbo.

leaves smelling of dampness. The rustling sounds were gone. The woods were ready, waiting the zero hour, and silence had settled over it waiting for whirling eddies of flakes to noiselessly transform it everywhere.

Behind and beyond, the silence, I knew there was activity in the woods still by my presence. I left with an endless curiosity about this lonely place and all its inhabitants.

All the way home I was silent, busy with my own speculations.

Sunday morning and all the world was white.

Life will now be lived differently. The tension has gone. Stability has come to our valley and to our life as well.

On Wednesday, Dot Betts and I joined several teachers for the day out for lunch and an afternoon at the home of Louvie Coffin, West Paris. We were sorry that two of our members were unable to be with us, Doris Hayes and Doris Slattery.

I turned back time in my mind this morning and again felt so grateful to my surgeon and the many others who helped me for I was having open heart surgery, 17 years ago this morning. So many changes in that time but I am thankful for the gift of life. I like the night. I like the day. I like being a part of both and for being that part I am thankful.

After church I joined the family at the farm. Ann, David and family came, so we all had dinner together.

East Stoneham

By ELEANOR NELSON

Frank Vail, Jr. was taken to the North Hospital one day last week with

a minor heart attack. I was told yesterday that he is still in the hospital but doing better.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker from Massachusetts called on Gladys Kilgore on Saturday, also Cynthia Bematteo of Bethel. Saturday was Gladys' 96th birthday. She got several cakes and many Happy Birthday wishes. Many more to you, Gladys.

The Stoneham Volunteer Fire Dept. has been having several training sessions lately. They certainly do a good job in their work.

Sunday, we went up to Lake Keewaydin and watched our son and children skate on the ice. It was such a beautiful skating day. They skated way across the lake and back and around. It brought back fond memories of my own skating days. Even though the weather was very cold, they don't seem to mind it when they are having such fun. I'm glad they took advantage of the good ice and time to enjoy it.

I was in North Waterford on Monday on business and stopped in at Tut's Store and had a nice chat with former neighbors from Lovell, Frances Heath and Erma Wilson. It was good to see them again.

Delilah Millett has been staying with her mother, Lucy McCabe in North Waterford a few days since being discharged from NCMH. She is gaining slowly and is at home now.

Gregg Burris is still at Maine Medical Center where he underwent surgery following an injury from wrestling on the team at Fryeburg Academy. He will still have to have quite a lot of therapy before coming home from the hospital.

Stoneham Knight Riders Snowmobile Club held a meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Eben Harmon presiding. After the business meeting

movies were shown by Duffee Ridlon and friend of Sweden, of their snowmobile trip to Montana, Wyoming and Colorado which was very interesting and informative. He organized the group and by the looks everyone sure had a good time. What beautiful country out there. Pictures were shown of the Knight Riders trip to the Forks. They too had a good time even though there was not much snow there.

A Valentines dance is being organized by the Club for Feb. 14 to be held here in town at the Knights Hall. Watch for more details.

The Hannah F. Richardson Tent #19 Daughters of Veterans met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the home of Helen Grover with eight members and three guests present. The officers were installed by Emogene Staples, past department president, with Gail Butterfield as chaplain and Edith Pulkkanen as guide. The following officers were installed: president, Mary Beth Jones; senior vice president and asst. guard, Eleanor Smith; chaplain, Helen Grover; treasurer, Hildred Safford; council member #1, Eleanor Nelson; patriotic instructor and historian, Leslie Dean; secretary, Joyce Gouin; guide and press correspondent Eleanor Nelson; color bearer #3, Frances Grant. Gifts were presented to the installing officers in good of the order. Cards were signed for the sick members. A gift was presented to the outgoing president by the members of the tent which was much appreciated.

A nice lunch was served after the meeting. Next meeting will be held at the home of Helen Grover on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

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North Newry

By GIL SEELEY

We have a thief on Route 26 in the Windy Valley of Newry who takes away our Lewiston paper... it's the Wind. Many customers have been losing them, some have been to the office in Rumford to report, and now there is a little gadget that fits the opening so the wind can't get it. Wise King Solomon says "You can't chase the wind and catch it."

"The Newry Bowling Gang" members who went bowling at the Oxford Lanes last week were: Karlene Bachelder, Betsy Clark, Gil Seeley, Olive Anderson, Eleanor Davis and Sylvia Wight. Rena Powers was a guest. Of the "lefties" Karlene was high on the singles and Betsy was high on the triples beating Karlene by three pins. Of the "righties," Olive was high on the singles, and Sylvia was high on the triples.

The Newry Church Ladies Circle will meet Feb. 3 at Freda Robertson's residence at 12:30 p.m. A "show and tell" will be the social hour. Tickets on the hand-crocheted 70 x 70 afghan are available from the members for \$1 to benefit the club, to be raffled off May 4.

At Andover...

Elderwood Manor Items

by Florence Hall

Gertrude Hutchins was the only bus rider to Rumford from the Manor on Wednesday.

Callers at Florence Hall's were Amy Kaulback and Angie Szente. They were asking questions about Andover for a school project.

Tacy Thompson and Janet Hall, Rumford, visited aunt Florence Hall on Sunday.

Anne Fox attended the Tuesday lunch at the school.

Louise Powell, Hale, and Bernice Wing, Dixfield, visited Alma Hewey. Lyla Farrington, Rumford, visited Elizabeth Sennett.

Bible class will meet at Anne Fox's on Friday.

Thought for the day: Of the gossip you hear, pass along only those items which wouldn't matter, if they were true.

Calvary Congregational Church Our guest speaker Bruce Swan opened the service with a responsive reading: Our "Living Hope," the choir sang: "He Keeps Me Singing." Morning message: The word of God holds the secret to all we need in our lives, which the world cannot offer, our peace, contentment, strength, and hope. Brother Bruce Swan used as his text Phil. 4:4-19, Co. 2:7. Complete obedience and knowing who God is.

Sunday Special at 7 p.m. The family film "A Man Called Norman," a heartwarming film about love and acceptance was shown.

The "92" camp fund drive is on. The sliding party was cancelled due to cold weather. A popcorn party and game

time was enjoyed instead.

Youth Rally! Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All youths grades three through teens are invited to the Rally here at CCC. Special speakers will include Ralph and Ruth Dailey, Margaret Buzzell, Bruce Swan, Barb Bailey, and Scott Farrington. Area churches are invited.

Upton

By ARLINE BERNIER

The Upton School Board met Tuesday evening at the town office with superintendent Dewaine Craig, Frank Boynton, principal at Woodstock, selectmen Richard Lecomte and Pat Lewit and several guests. After the warrants were approved and signed some discussion ensued as to the increasing number of pupils from Upton and the validity of the current bids. Since so much is speculation the board decided to continue with the operation as planned. Bids were opened and read. One was for a three year contract and the bidder declared she was uninterested in a one year contract because of prohibitive cost involved. Terry Beausheane was awarded the contract to carry up to seven pupils for the ensuing year at a cost of \$8,250.

Since the present pupil population exceeds the present space some discussion on solution among board members, superintendent, parents and bus driver resulted in an arrangement for parents to pick up one pupil when necessary and be given compensation.

A three year tuition contract with SAD #44 was discussed, approved and signed. Mr. Craig presented the budget proposal with known figures

listed. With a guestimate of pupil population and a decision on transportation costs from Upton to Newry the rest of the proposal was filled in.

Mr. Craig and Mr. Lecomte discussed matters pertaining to budgets and needed information for town report and agreed to meet the following day as they needed more information.

The Ray Berniers visited her father, Mr. and Mrs. John Arata of Winthrop this week.

At 2:30 a.m. one day, I was up to fill the stove and paused at the kitchen window as the nearly full moon shone on the snow-covered field. Each clump of bushes, small tree or other object was as a black form but I noticed one which seemed overly large. It didn't move but to satisfy my curiosity I got binoculars and saw a large bull moose. He stood for several moments, walked slowly, nibbled at branches or bushes. When his back was towards me, his rack showed as a silvery line. These ugly animals are a majestic sight at any time.

High Street

By VIVA WHITMAN

Not too bright and shiny this Monday morning but who knows what will happen before the day is over. It certainly has been cold lately and that is not exaggerating one bit. This is more like the cold weather we used to have when I was a girl but we didn't have a TV to tell us about the wind chill factor so it didn't seem so cold to us as now. Modern science is great but it makes one look back and see what life would have been if we had had these modern things we have now. It sure

would have been different. As it was we took what came and thought nothing of it.

Helen Strout came up to see me Friday afternoon. In fact she got here just in time for lunch. We were late getting back from town and she came just after we had gotten home. Brought me some puzzles and took away some of mine for someone who likes to do them. A good swap I hope.

Peggy and Russell went to Excelsior Grange in Poland that evening and then to the dance here at West Paris gym before coming home.

Called Mary this morning as usual and she said Chris Whittemore called in to see her on Sunday. Angela spent Saturday in Portland with her mother.

The next dance at West Paris Grange Hall will be on Feb. 1 and then on Feb. 8 there will be a benefit dance for the Richard Felts' at the West Paris gym. Both Richard and Barbara have been sick and not able to do for themselves in the past. Richard is better now but Barbara still isn't too well. Come to the dances for a good time and help out a friend to all.

Mary said they lost their lights twice last week. One day for about two hours. Said she got out the old kerosene lamps but they didn't give much light. We sure notice a difference when we have to do that. How we ever did homework from the lights is more than I can dream of now. I remember doing a lot of reading by the lamps when I was a girl but would sure hate to try it now. Can't see that good anyway and when the lights are gone, my vision isn't very good at all.

We will hope for warmer weather for all so take care, keep warm and have a good week ahead. Time flies

fast and it will be Spring before we know it.

Andover

East Andover

By KAREN MCKAY

Plans are underway for this years Winter Carnival to be held on the weekend of March 14 and 15. This event will be a topic of the recreation committee meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the town office. Any clubs or groups that wish to partake in the weekend activities should send a representative to the meeting. Volunteers to assist with the planning are needed. For more information please contact Brian Mills at 392-4691 or Trudy Akers at 392-3157.

August seems like a long way away, but it will be Olde Home Days weekend before you realize it. The first meeting to organize this event will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. Trudy Akers invites all individuals interested in helping and participating in the planning of the three day occasion to her home for the meeting.

Remember that any contributions you may be able to make of your time and energy are appreciated by these groups, and necessary if the annual

events are to continue, and be successful, share your ideas!

The Andover Rescue is holding several fund raisers to assist with the purchasing of new jackets. A bottle drive will be held on Feb. 8 and 9. Please start saving your returnables now. To arrange for a more convenient pick-up time please call a member listed below. Every cook has a favorite recipe. The group is collecting area cook's recipes for publication in a cookbook. Please send yours to: Andover Rescue, P.O. Box 395, Andover, or contact Alice Dixon at 392-3171, Kelli Scott at 392-1681, or Elaine Morton at 392-2682. Community members who would like to have their blood pressure checked on a regular basis may call Elaine at 392-2682 and she will arrange for the testing.

The next Sunday River Skiway Community Ski Free Day is Sunday, Feb. 2. Hoping that the weather is warmer then.

Get well wishes to recent hospital patients go to Ralph Stinson and Lester Farrington.

Sympathy is extended to the Marston family for the death of Charlie. Mr. Marston was a well liked, life long resident of the area.



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(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H
(5)	Wallons	
(6)	Cosby	Night Court
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer	
(11)	SportsCtr.	College Basketball
(12)	VideoPM	Be a Star
(13)	Entertain.	Edison
(14)	Talk Sport	College Basketball
(15)	"The Paper Chase"	
(17)	Fuzzbucket	Valentine
(18)	"The Hospital"	Cont'd
(20)	Bruins	NHL Hockey
(21)	China Beach	
(22)	Addams F.	Sanford
(24)	Dangerous	Looney
(25)	Movie: "Vicki"	
(26)	MacGyver	
(27)	David Letterman	
(32)	Gimme B.	Cosby
(34)	Jeannie	Be Told
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire

FRIDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H
(5)	Movie: "Three Ring Circus"	
(6)	Cosby	Night Court
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer	
(11)	SportsCtr.	Ski World
(12)	VideoPM	Be a Star
(13)	Entertain.	Edison
(14)	Post Time	Auto Racing
(15)	Movie: "Dakota"	Cont'd
(17)	Bugs Bunny	Preview S.
(18)	Rock n' Roll	
(20)	College Hockey: Boston U.	
(21)	China Beach	
(22)	Addams F.	Sanford
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	7:00	7:30
(3)	Dragnet	Adam-12
(5)	Rin Tin Tin	Stallion
(6)	Cheers	New WKRP
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer	Black Bty.
(11)	SportsCenter	
(12)	Ctry. Beat	Church St.
(13)	Journal	NBA Basketball
(14)	Rugby	
(15)	"Look Who's Talking"	
(17)	Movie: "Shipwrecked"	
(18)	Welcome Home, Roxy	
(20)	NHL Hockey: Buffalo Sab.	
(21)	"Notorious"	Cont'd
(22)	Wrestling	NBA Basketball
(24)	Rugrats	Doug
(25)	Movie: "The World in His Eyes"	
(26)	MacGyver	
(27)	Class-20th Cen.	
(32)	Gimme B.	News'thy
(34)	Runaway	Fortune
(39)	Capital	Sports Sat.

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(3)	Cheers	M*A*S'H	Movie: "Fortress"				ALF	Hogan	M*A*S'H	Newhart
(5)	Waltons		My Dog	You Asked	Fatal Confession		700 Club		Bordertown	Drums
6	Cosby	Night Court	Cosby	Dif. World	Cheers	Wings	L.A. Law		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Columbo: Agenda for Murder"				Primetime Live		News	Nightline
10	MacNeil/Lehrer		Maine	Maine	Mystery!		Hollywood Yrs.		Emmerdale	Butterflies
(11)	SportsCtr.	College Basketball: Duke at Florida State				College Basketball: So. Miss. at Tulane				SportsCtr.
(12)	VideoPM	Be a Star	On Stage	Mus. Shop	Nashville Now			Crook	On Stage	Mus. Shop
13	Entertain.	Edition	Top Cops	Street Stories			Knots Landing		News	Stalkings
(14)	Talk Sport	College Basketball: N.H. at Northeastern				English League Soccer	Sportswriters on TV		Ski Cntry.	
(15)	"The Paper Chase"		Movie: "Criminal Justice"			Movie: "Dream Trap"		Inside the NFL		
(17)	Fuzzbucket	Valentine	Movie: "Vincent and Me"				Movie: "The Thing"		Elvis '56	
(18)	"The Hospital" Cont'd		Movie: "My Blue Heaven"				Movie: "The Two Jakes"			
(20)	Bruins	NHL Hockey: Calgary Flames at Boston Bruins						College Basketball		
(21)	China Beach	L.A. Law			Movie: "Notorious"				Spenser: For Hire	
(22)	Addams F.	Sanford	Movie: "Sybil"							
(24)	Dangerms.	Looney	Mork	Superman	Van Dyke	Get Smart	Dragnet	Hitchcock	Gr. Acres	Mister Ed
(25)	Movie: "Vicki"		Rod Steiger			Movie: "Sweet and Lowdown"			"Flesh and Fantasy"	
(26)	MacGyver		Murder, She Wrote		Boxing: Gabriel Ruelas vs. Ben Lopez				PGA Golf: Pebble Beach	
(27)	David Letterman	Kingdom of Nature			Class-20th Cen.		Brute Force: Weapons		Evening at the Improv	
(32)	Gimme B.	Cosby	Wisaguy		New York at Night		News		Love Boat	
(34)	Jeannie	Be Told	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Houston Rockets					News	Kojak
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live			World News		Sports	Moneyline

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 31, 1992										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S'H	Movie: "The Parent Trap"						M*A*S'H	Newhart
(5)	Movie: "Three Ring Circus"				Fatal Confession		700 Club		Bordertown	Bordertown
(6)	Cosby	Night Court	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night				News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Family	Critters	Baby Talk	Billy	20/20		News	Nightline
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Democratic Presidential Candidates Debate				Club	Red Dwarf
(11)	SportsCtr.	Ski World	World Cup Skiing		Boxing				Schaap	SportsCtr.
(12)	VideoPM	Be a Star	On Stage	Texas	Nashville Now			Crook	On Stage	Texas
(13)	Entertain.	Edition	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Bucks				Hearts Are Wild		News	Justice
(14)	Post Time	Auto Racing: Race of Champions				NHL Hockey: Hartford Whalers at Edmonton Oilers				
(15)	Movie: "Dakota" Cont'd		Movie: "Young Guns II"			Movie: "Action Jackson"			Crypt Tales	
(17)	Bugs Bnny	Preview S.	American Teacher Awards II						Mr. Smith Goes	
(18)	Rock n Roll	Movie: "The Grifters"					Movie: "Warlock"			
(20)	College Hockey: Boston		University at Maine			Women's College Basketball: B.C. at Conn.				Winterspd.
(21)	China Beach	L.A. Law			Movie: "David"				Spenser: For Hire	
(22)	Addams F.	Sanford	Movie: "Deadly Lessons"				Movie: "Demon Seed"			
(24)	Dangerms.	Looney	Mork	Superman	Van Dyke	Get Smart	Dragnet	Hitchcock	Gr. Acres	Mister Ed
(25)	Movie: "Panic in the Streets"				Movie: "Clive of India"				Phantom-Opera	
(26)	MacGyver		Murder, She Wrote		Beyond	Bradbury	Swamp	Hitchhiker	PGA Golf: Pebble Beach	
(27)	David Letterman		Time Machine		Investigative Reports			Revue	Evening at the Improv	
(32)	Gimme B.	Cosby	Wiseguy		New York at Night			News	Love Boat	
(34)	Jeannie	Be Told	Movie: "The Mikado"				News		Night Court	Kojak
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews			Larry King Live		World News	Sports	Moneyline

SATURDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 1, 1992											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Dragnet	Adam-12	College Basketball: Georgetown at BC				SportsBeat		Invasion-Body		
(5)	Rin Tin Tin	Stallion	Amateur Hour		Movie: "Raid on Rommel"			Bordertown		Bonanza	
(6)	Cheers	New WKRP	Golden G.	Walt-Emily	Empty Nest	Nurses	Sisters		News	Sat. Night	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Critters	Boss?	Strangers	Gro. Pains	Angie	Political	News	Gladiators	
(10)	Maine	Black Bty.	Robin Hood		Movie: "A Room With a View"				The '90s		
(11)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter: Olympics		Olympiad		NFL All Pro Team		Amer. Cup	SportsCtr.	
(12)	City Beat	Church St.	Opry	GrandOpry	Statler Bros.		Mus. Shop	Texas	Opry	GrandOpry	
(13)	Journal	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers				Star Search		News			Entertain.
(14)	Rugby		College Basketball: Cincinnati at Marquette				Major League Baseball's Greatest Games				
(15)	"Look Who's Talking"		Movie: "Awakenings"				Boxing: Night of the Heavyweights				
(17)	Movie: "Shipwrecked"				Movie: "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys"				Movie: "King Kong"		
(18)	Welcome Home, Roxy		Movie: "New Jack City"				Movie: "Don't Tell Her It's Me"				
(20)	NHL Hockey: Buffalo Sabres at Boston Bruins				College Basketball: Pittsburgh at Providence						
(21)	"Notorious" Cont'd		Movie: "Betrayal of Silence"				Confession	Hidden	Veronica Clare		
(22)	Wrestling	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Atlanta Hawks				Olympic Gold			Movie: "Strange Brew"		
(24)	Rugrats	Doug	Looney	Get Smart	F-Troop	Mork	Dragnet	Gr. Acres	Superman	Hitchcock	
(25)	Movie: "The World in His Arms"				Movie: "We're Not Married"			C. Heston	Movie: "Carmen Jones"		
(26)	MacGyver	Movie: "Death Hunt"				Hitchhiker		Beyond	Movie: "Fast Food"		
(27)	Class-20th Cen.		Movie: "Matewan"					Comedy on the Road		Improv	
(32)	Gimme B.	News'thy	College Basketball: Seton Hall at Syracuse				News	NBA Basketball: Nets at Clippers			
(34)	Runaway	Fortune	College Basketball: UAB at DePaul				News		Am Giants	"Winning"	
(39)	Capital	Sports Sat.	PrimeNews	Both Sides	Future	World News			Sports	Capital	

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Lou Grant		Movie: "A Breed Apart"				Manager	Hair Club	Sports	Paid Prog.
(5)	My Dog	Prince Val.	Zorro	Stallion	Amateur Hour		In Touch		Ch. Lives	Ankerberg
6	Grizzly Adams		Hot Country Nights		Movie: "Deadly Betrayal: The Bruce Curtis Story"			News	Sports	
8	Peter Jennings		Videos	Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"				News	First Look	
10	Faerie Tale Theatre		Legacy				Mystery!	Sandbaggers		
(11)	SportsCenter		NFL Football: Pro Bowl					SportsCenter		
(12)	American Sports Cavalcade			NHRA	Racing	Bill Dance	Bassmast'r	Daytona	Outdoors	Truckin'
13	60 Minutes		Murder, She Wrote		Movie: "O Pioneers!"			News	Matlock	
(14)	NHL Hockey: St. Louis Blues at Philadelphia Flyers						Horse R.	English League Soccer	Soccer	
(15)	"Edward Scissorhands"		Movie: "Sleeping With the Enemy"				Dream On	Movie: "GoodFellas"		
(17)	Movie: "Treasure Island"			Gloria Estefan: Going Home			Movie: "My Fair Lady"			
(18)	"Men at Work" Cont'd		Movie: "Big Man on Campus"				Movie: "The Blue Lagoon"			
(20)	College Basketball		Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball			
(21)	Journal	Milestones	Int'l Med.	Family	Cardiology	Int'l Med.	OB-Gyn.	Family	Physicians	Information
(22)	Movie: "Dirty Dozen: The Next Mission"				National Geographic Explorer				Earth	Beauty
(24)	Looney	Looney	Looney	Get Smart	F-Troop	Mork	Dragnet	Gr. Acres	I'm Home	Hitchcock
(25)	Movie: "Cleopatra"				Movie: "The Mad Miss Manton"			Keaton	"A Damsel in Distress"	
(26)	Movie: "Child of Darkness, Child of Light"				Silk Stalkings		Counterstrike	Silk Stalkings		
(27)	Air Combat		Movie: "Breaker Morant"				Caroline's Comedy Hour		Evening at the Improv	
(32)	Movie: "Territorial Women"				Kojak		News		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
(34)	"The Impatient Heart"		Star Search		Lifestyles-Rich		News		Monsters	Justice
(39)	World	Sport Sun.	PrimeNews		People's Agenda				Sports	Business

EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP

"Empowering Ourselves—Empowering Our Children" is the topic of a workshop series being offered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Oxford County and Buckfield Adult Education.

The workshop series will be held on Thursday evenings, Feb. 27, March 5, 12, and 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Buckfield High School. Wendy Legg Pollock, extension educator with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, will be leading the workshop series.

The workshop is open to the public, free of charge, but preregistration is required. To preregister, call the extension office at 743-6329 or 1-800-287-1482 or the Buckfield Adult Education Office at 336-2151.

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Sherry Gaudin, Student Services Coordinator at the University of Maine's Rumford/Mexico Center, will

be available to assist current and prospective ITV students with financial aid forms on Friday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Telstar High School ITV site.

Individual appointments may be reserved by calling the Adult Education office, 824-2780. A similar evening session will be scheduled in March if there is sufficient interest.

Enrollment at the Bethel ITV site has increased in the first two weeks of classes to a total of 59 students in 26 classes. The next semester of ITV classes is set to begin in June, when the selection of courses will increase with the addition of a third channel. Anyone interested in visiting an ITV class or information about enrolling is encouraged to call the Telstar Adult Education office, 824-2780, or the Rumford/Mexico Center at 1-800-696-1103.

WALTER SMITH ON DEAN'S LIST

Walter J. Smith of Rumford Point, has been named to the Dean's List at Washington County Technical College. As a student in the Heavy Equip-

ment Operation Program, Smith has demonstrated the necessary work habits and academic excellence required of student for honor recognition at WCTC. In order to make the Dean's List, a requirement of 3.00-3.74 grade point average has to be maintained.

The student must also be enrolled in 12 credits or more and have no grade below a "C."

Washington County Technical College is a member of the Maine Technical College System with campuses in Calais and Eastport.

LARRY S. GOLDSTEIN, DPM**JOINS RUMFORD HOSPITAL**

Rumford Community Hospital has announced the addition of Larry S. Goldstein, DPM to its Allied Health Staff.

Dr. Goldstein received his Doctor of Podiatry Medicine at the University of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa in March 1988. He served his residency at Worcester City Hospital in Massachusetts.

Dr. Goldstein is married to Ellen Goldstein and has a stepchild, Rachel

Rowe, who is 9 years old.

Dr. Goldstein's podiatry practice is located at 431 Franklin Street, Rumford. Appointments can be made by calling 364-8000.

RUMFORD POINT FRUIT SALE

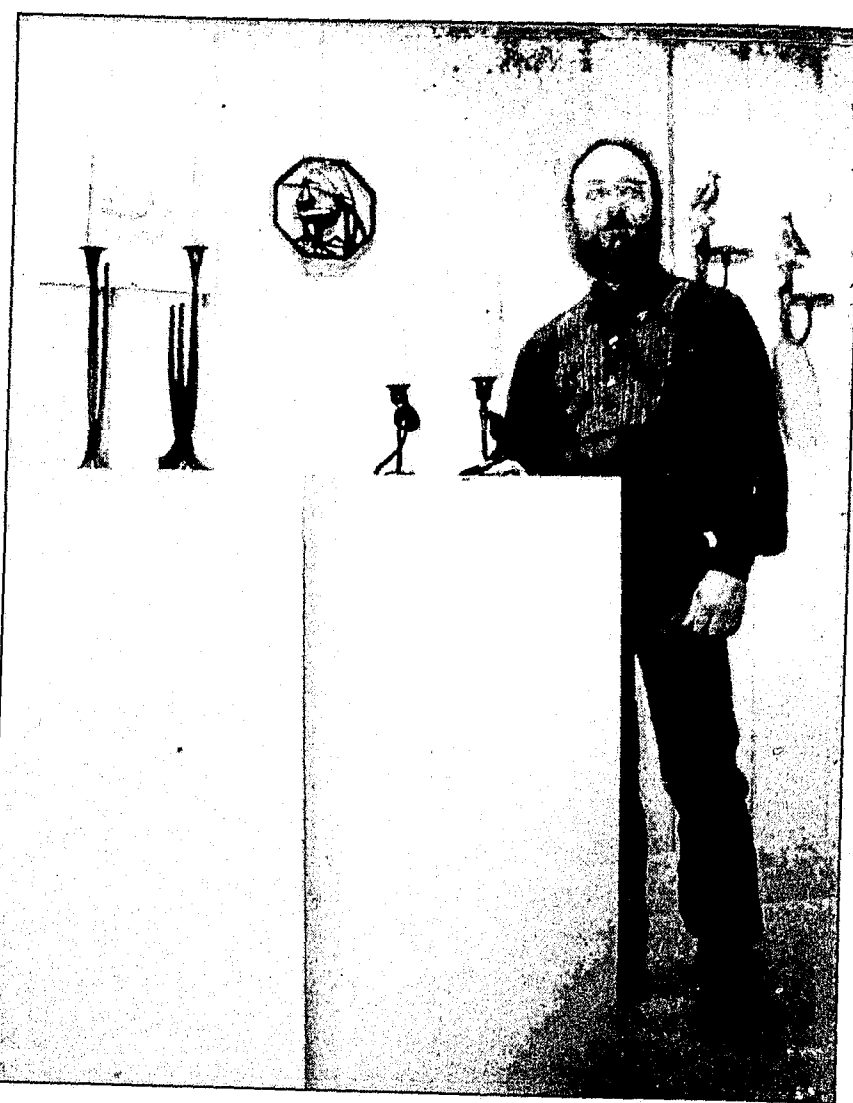
The Rumford Point Church is taking orders for temple oranges and grapefruit. The pick up date is expected to be Feb. 12.

The price of the oranges will be \$17 a case, \$8.75 a half case. Grapefruit will be \$15.25 and \$7.90. To place an order contact Barbara and Dick Burns at 364-7604, Feb. 1. Pick up is at the Rumford Point parsonage from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group conducted by Rumford Community Hospital will meet Thursday evening, Jan. 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The group is open to anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. Family and friends are welcome. The meetings are conducted in the third floor patient lounge. For more information, call Diane York at 364-4581.



BLACKSMITH EXHIBIT—Blacksmith and sculptor Doug Wilson opened an exhibit at Gould Academy Friday. Wilson came to Gould after a three-week session at Colby College, where he taught a course in blacksmithing. His exhibit at the Owen Art Gallery runs through Feb. 27. The gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends by appointment.

(Photo by Kirk Siegel)

Youngsters' book reviews aired on radio stations

On Jan. 27, WOXO in Rumford and WTBM in Norway/South Paris began broadcasting book reviews written by area school children.

At 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, right after the news, WOXO and WTBM provide time to highlight one book review by kindergarten through eighth-grade students who have published their reviews in "The Island Book Reviewer."

Students from Mexico, Rumford, Andover, Bethel, Locke Mills, Bryant Pond, and Newry write and submit reviews for this publication three times a year.

A team effort between school and community, "The Island Book

Reviewer" is written by students, selected by teachers, published by the Island Book Store in Rumford, and broadcast by WOXO and WTBM.

CHOLESTEROL INFO MEETING

A one-hour presentation, *How To Lower Your Cholesterol*, will be presented at Rumford Community Hospital today, Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 7 to 8 p.m. by Jeanne LaPointe, dietetic technician.

This program will present basic information regarding cholesterol, such as why it is important to know a cholesterol level and how to choose and prepare foods to lower that level. There is no charge for the program. For more information, call Betty Palmer at 364-4581, ext. 361.

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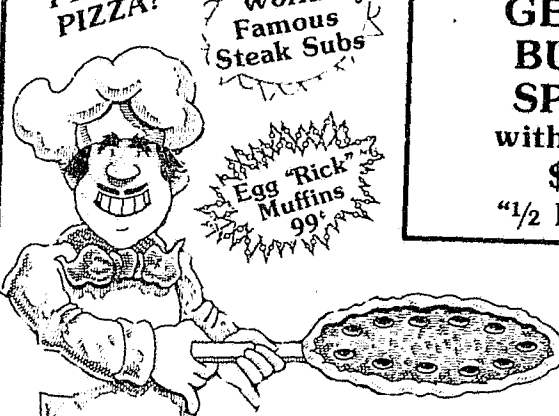
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Wednesday, Jan. 29: Red Cross First Aid Course, Stephens Memorial Hospital, second session, 5-9 p.m.

How to Lower Your Cholesterol, Rumford Community Hospital, 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30: Cancer Support Group, Rumford Community Hospital, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31: Folk Arts Sampler presented by Mahosuc Arts Council, Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1: Just Imagine Coffee House will feature Sweet Clover, West Parish Congregational Church, 7-10 p.m.

Harold and the Purple Crayon, presented by TheatreWorks/USA at Portland City Auditorium sponsored by Portland Concert Association, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 2: Free Ski Day for SAD #44 residents at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Ice fishing and snowshoe demonstration for children and parents, Maine Conservation School, Bryant Pond, 2 p.m. Free, but please make reservations by noon on Feb. 1 by calling 665-3600.

Statewide X-C Ski-a-thon to benefit American Lung Association. Area X-C ski centers will participate. For registration and pledge forms, call 1-800-463-LUNG.

Monday, Feb. 3: Western Maine Management Club, Goldstreet Restaurant, South Paris. Social hour, 5:30; dinner, 6:30; meeting, 7:30.

Thursday, Feb. 6: Bert Lucarelli, oboe recitalist and Simon Wynberg, guitar soloist, Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8: Baked Bean and Casserole Supper, Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel, 5-6 p.m. Adults, \$5; Children, \$2.

Benefit Supper for the Gregory MacKillop family, Woodstock School, 5-7 p.m. Adults \$5; Children, \$3.

Friday, Feb. 21: YMCA Day at Burger King, South Paris, 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. A portion of the day's proceeds will benefit the local YMCA.

Assertiveness Training for Women workshop, First Congregational Church, Fryeburg, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call the Oxford County Extension office for registration, 743-6329 or 1-800-287-1482.

SAFE is a free and confidential support group for presently or formerly abused women located in Bethel. Meetings are held Tuesdays, 9:10-10 a.m., and Thursday evenings, 7-8:30. Child care is available. Call SAFE at 824-3600 for more information.

Andover Library Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:00-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 362-4441.

Bethel Library hours: Monday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8

p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. Betsy Raymond, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-12; Wednesday evening, 7-9. Telephone: 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: hours: Monday, 3-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: hours: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

REACH - Sexual Abuse Helpline, 743-8777. Serving victims of sexual abuse—past or present. 24 hour service in Oxford County.

Every Wednesday: Gilead Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

First Wednesday of Each Month: Purity Chapter #102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Sons of American Legion, 7:30 p.m., Jackson-Silver Post #68, American Legion, Locke Mills. Woodstock Planning Board meets at the Town Office.

Every Thursday: West Paris Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Game Party, Mundt-Allen Post, Bethel. Doors open 5:30 p.m.

First Thursday of Each Month: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m.

Upton Board of Selectmen meets, 6 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at the Casco Bank, 7:30 a.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM. Second and Fourth Thursday of Each Month: S.H.A.R.E. support group for bereaved parents suffering loss of an infant or miscarriage, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, 7-9 p.m. For information, call 824-2913.

Third Thursday of Each Month: Fish & Game, at the Bethel United Methodist Church; potluck supper 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club, at Newry municipal building, 7:00 p.m., meeting.

Every Friday: Friday Gift Shop, at the Bethel United Methodist Church, during summer, 1-5 p.m.

Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post #68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

Third Friday of Each Month: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday of Each Month: Woodstock Historical Society Museum, summer months.

Fourth Sunday of Each Month: Episcopal House Church at the Bohrs on Chapman Street, Bethel, 5 p.m.

First Monday of Each Month: Newry Community Church Ladies' Circle, 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday of Each Month: Newry Mothers' Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

First and Third Monday of Each Month: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

First Tuesday of Each Month: State Representative Rick Bennett will be at the meeting of the Greenwood Selectmen at the Town Office,

Locke Mills.

Second Tuesday of Each Month: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m.

LaLeche League meets at Bethel Area Health Center, 7 p.m. Call 836-3567 for more information.

Bethel Snow Twisters, meet at Casco Bank, 7 p.m., fall and winter months.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

First and Third Tuesday of Each Month: Cross Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library, 9-11 a.m.

Bethel Lions Club meets at the Bethel Lions Den, Main St. Social hour—6:30-7 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m. and meeting follows.

First and Third Tuesday of Each Month: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Every Tuesday: Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 6 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Second and Fourth Monday of Each Month: SAD #44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover.

First Wednesday of Each Month: Woodstock Planning Board meets at the Town Office.

First and Third Wednesday of Each Month: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday of Each Month: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in, 824-2444.

Community

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The need for financial support to meet previously incurred expenses remains imperative. Those who wish to send in contributions may do so by forwarding them to the Community Conference II c/o Bayerlein, P.O. Box 468, Bethel, ME.

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Admission is free for this event. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 665-2068. Saturday, Feb. 1. Participants welcome to bring along ice skis, cross-country skis as well.

SKI FREE FOR DIABETES

The Peoples Heritage Bank is sponsoring a Ski Free for Diabetes day at Lost Valley in Auburn on Monday, Feb. 29 at 1 p.m.

The ski-a-thon will benefit the affiliate of the American Diabetes Association.

People who collect \$35 in pledges will be able to ski at Lost Valley free for the afternoon.

Anyone collecting additional pledges will be eligible to earn prize money in the fight against the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, diabetes. Diabetes affects more than 10 million people in the U.S.

Pledges over \$60 will enter a drawing for a variety of gift certificates and accessories.

Anyone who wants more information or an official sponsor should call the American Diabetes Association in Augusta at 1-800-370-ADA. Vice-Chairman Al B. 824-2931.

JAZZ AND SWING COURSE

A music appreciation mini-Jazz and Swing, will be offered 4 and 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Telstar School, sponsored by SAD #44 and Community Education. Ed Hitchcock will present an interlude back in time to the era, and will share his knowledge of the musical history of the era. \$10. To register, call Adult Education at 824-2780.

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munity Conference II meeting will begin on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Congregational Church. "Just Imagine" will be a coffeehouse for aspiring artists of all talents including music, live entertainment, crafts and creative endeavors.

Family oriented including young children, this community gathering center will be open every Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. Volunteers are needed, please contact Jan Todd at 824-3209. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Conference II membership will be on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Bingham House. All are welcomed.

Ice fishing, snowshoeing demonstrations at MCS

The Maine Conservation School will host an ice fishing and snowshoe demonstration for children and their parents on Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. The school is an ideal place to hunt for evidence of winter wildlife and to learn about the basics of these two winter activities.

Admission is free for this event, but reservations are required and should be made by calling 665-2068 by noon, Saturday, Feb. 1. Participants are welcome to bring along ice skates and cross-country skis as well.

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Anyone collecting additional pledges will be eligible to earn prizes, while helping in the fight against the nation's fourth leading cause of death by disease. Diabetes affects more than 65,000 people in Maine.

Pledges over \$60 will enter skiers in a drawing for a variety of gift certificate packages and sports accessories.

Anyone who wants more information or an official sponsor sheet can call the American Diabetes Association in Augusta at 1-800-870-8000 or ADA Vice-Chairman Al Barth at 824-2931.

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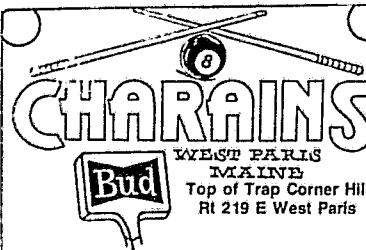
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HOME TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP AT TELSTAR

Your Home Computer and Telecommunications: A workshop for those who would like to use their home computer to connect with the outside world, will be held at Telstar High School on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Buzz Gamble will explain how to access a variety of telecommunication services, such as reserving tickets, ordering products, checking dictionary topics or sending letters, and will use EcoNet, an environmental network for a special demonstration.

The program is sponsored by SAD #44 Adult and Community Education, with a registration fee of \$5. To register, call 824-2780.

BE KIND TO YOUR HEART PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED

Valentine's Day is all about love and hearts. This Valentine season, consider learning one way to love and care for yourself by being kind to your heart.

"Be your own Valentine" is a program on healthy heart eating being sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Oxford County. "It is a practical workshop for anyone interested in developing healthier eating habits," says extension educator, Wendy Legg Pollock, about the program she will be presenting. "It's not just for heart patients or those put on a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet by a physician, but rather it is for anyone wanting to learn how to select and prepare tasty foods that are low in fat, cholesterol, salt and calories."

"Be your own Valentine" will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 11:30

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the extension office on Olson Road in South Paris. The program will begin with a "heart healthy" luncheon, followed by a discussion on how to select and prepare food that is good for you and your heart.

There is a \$6 fee for the workshop to cover the cost of food and a participant's packet of materials. Preregistration and prepayment is required and due in the extension office by Feb. 7. Space is limited, so call the extension office today at 743-6329 or 1-800-287-1482 to reserve a space in the workshop.

FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION

Great Decisions: A Foreign Policy Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., starting Feb. 11 at Telstar Regional High School.

Sponsored by SAD #44 Adult and Community Education, the series is part of a national program offered since 1955 by the Foreign Policy Association. Beverly Cassara will be the facilitator for the Great Decisions group and has arranged for background reading material to be available at local libraries.

Topics for the eight week series will be American Priorities, Mideast Peace Prospects, Refugee Crisis, Latin American Partners, Planet Earth, Africa's Second Liberation, AIDS Pandemic, and the Soviet Breakup. Participants in the local group will also participate in an opinion survey with the results tabulated nationally by the Foreign Policy Association. A book of readings is available for purchase by the participants at a cost of \$11. There is no fee for the discussion group itself.

To register and obtain the book of readings, call the Adult Education office, 824-2780.

From the Bethel Area

Chamber of Commerce

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Business After Hours" Social on Monday, Feb. 10, from 5-7 p.m. at the Backstage Restaurant and Lounge on Summer Street.

Chamber member Geoff Gaudreau of Gaudreau's Repair will be the speaker. He will update all present on plans for the upcoming "Western Maine Mountains Jeep Jamboree, 1992," to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9.

Geoff recently returned from California, where he met with the Jeep Jamboree organizers. He has many great ideas about how the community can get involved and be a part of this exciting event. Geoff will show a wonderful video as well.

Beverages and light refreshments will be available and we encourage all business people and interested community folks to attend. For more infor-

mation call the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce office at 824-2282.

OXFORD POMONA GRANGE

Oxford Pomona Grange held its January meeting at Oxford Grange Hall, Welchville, with overseer Russell Yates as master protom.

Reports were given by the C.W.A., deaf activities and scholarships committee.

The attendance was 48, with Oxford Grange receiving the banner.

The inspecting officer this year is Harold Parsons of the Maine State Grange executive committee who has been invited to the April 7 meeting at Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond, for the fifth degree conferral.

A belated Christmas program was presented by lecturer Bertha Benoit. Music was provided by Dot Canwell, Carl Brooks, Don Nason, Louise Roberts, Jack Thurlow, Bertha Benoit and Lewis Woodworth. Appropriate seasonal readings and tableaux were

presented. A gift exchange was held.

Honorary membership was voted, for Fannie Cummings, Anna Stover and Winfield Bennett.

Cards were signed for Richard and Barbara Felt, Thelma Merrill, Audrey Hill, Shirley Foster and Lucille Robbins.

Oxford Grange will host the Feb. 4 meeting with a 6:30 supper. This is youth night with Raymond Tripp, youth chairman in charge.

LOCAL DANCERS AT WORKSHOP

Susan Farrar, director of Children's Dance Theater of Bethel and acrobatic assistants Cheri Cordova and Amanda Sysko recently attended a gymnastic workshop at Mainly Gymnastics in Augusta for Hands On Learning in tumbling progressions. Teaching techniques, spotting techniques, conditioning, and safety, were all taught, geared specifically to dance schools. Michael Doherty was the instructor.

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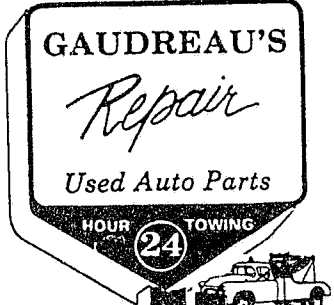
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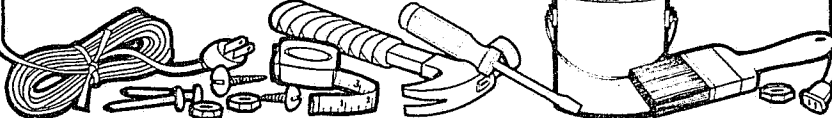
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THOUGHTS FROM THE Pastor's Study

The Bethel Area Clergy Association, with the help of pastors of surrounding churches, brings you these meditations. Not based on any set theme, they will be individual for each pastor. It is hoped you will find in these words, comfort and help for your daily life.

Some of us know the gift, the wonder, the comfort, the strength of prayer (whether the Lord's Prayer or the other prayers) given in a gathered community. Prayers praising the Creator. Prayers asking for forgiveness. Prayers offering names of those who are ill, lonely, unemployed, ... prayers of intercession. And prayers acknowledging thanks. Yes, prayers.

A few verses before the Lord's Prayer there also are these words in Matthew 6: "When you pray, go into your room ... And in Matthew 14:23 there are these words "After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain by himself to pray." (NRSV) Indeed, Jesus taught the value, what one might say, the necessity of individual time for/in prayer. Jesus not only taught this, he gave us the examples.

There are many that know the gift, the mystery, the peace, the hope that can and does come in being in a space, one's space in prayer, in communication with God. Prayer that can take place in many ways for each of us. Prayer that graciously eludes having only one way, one pattern. Prayer to/with God: a disciplined time set aside; a spontaneous occasion; a time of silence, quiet; a surprising and significant occurrence of the revelation of being in God's presence in a personal way—wherever we are.

This is a short reflection, not inclusive, of what prayer is and can be

Obituaries

NORMA F. LAWSON

Norma F. Lawson, 51, died at Brockville General Hospital on Jan. 18, 1992, in Brockville, Ontario, Canada following a lengthy illness.

Born in Bethel on Sept. 27, 1940, the daughter of Ruth Holt Ford and Norman Ford. She was educated in Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1958. She was married on April 8, 1962, in Bethel to Borden Lawson of Athens, Ontario, Canada and had lived in Canada for the past 29 years.

She is survived by her husband, Borden Lawson of Athens, Ontario; and four daughters Terri Drysdale, Smith Falls, Ontario, Melody Davidson of Brockville, Ontario, Angela Lawson of Ottawa, Ontario, and Tammy Fox of Port Arthur, Texas; four grandchildren; her father Norman Ford of Bethel; and her sister, Mary Dooen of Bethel. She was predeceased by her mother, Ruth Holt Wilkinsson and a half-brother, Harold Connor.

Services were held at the Chapel of the Judson Funeral Home, Athens, Interment following the services at the Athens Cemetery.

Donations may be made in her memory to the East Bethel Cemetery Association, c/o Dorothy Bartlett, R.F.D. #1, Box 1474, Bethel, Maine 04217.

for us. May we each find, take, know prayerful times in our lives, each day. And, may we know that the presence of God is with us, in our gathered communities of worship and in our individual lives.

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MADELINE G. IRISH

Madeline G. Irish, 90, of Ellsmore Apartments, Dixfield, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1992 at Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris, where she had been a patient for several years.

She was born in Peru Sept. 17, 1901, the daughter of Evander and Lizzie Knight Knox. She was educated in Peru schools. She had lived in Peru and Andover before moving to Dixfield in 1970. She married Wilbur C. Irish Sept. 3, 1960. Mrs. Irish was employed by the Swain Mill of Andover as a dowl machine operator, by Pleasant Island Sporting Camps, and in domestic housekeeping for several area homes. She was a past member of Rockameka Grange of Peru.

Besides her husband of Dixfield, she is survived by two sons, Warren Knox of Peru and Herbert Knox of Canandaigua, N.Y.; six daughters, Mrs. Harold (Blandine) Falkenham of Andover, Mrs. Norman (Everdine) Best of Augusta, Mrs. Richard (June) Moody of Gardiner, Mrs. Richard (Kathleen) Smith of Hurley, N.Y., Mrs. Kenneth (Geneva) Goddard of Hanover and Mrs. Jerry (Dorothy) Emery of Hanover; 24 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was predeceased by a sister, Mrs. Homer (Thelma) Horne.

There will be no services or visitations. Committal services will be held in the Demeritt Cemetery, Peru, in the spring. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hawthorne Funeral Home, 39 Weld St., Dixfield.

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in helping low income families and individuals.

Finding a place for the center is also high on the list, Henley said. Use of the basement at the Ethel Bisbee School, which now houses only Adult Education classrooms in its annex, is being looked into, but no formal proposal has come before the school board.

Henley suggested to the Bethel selectmen Monday night that the town might want to consider providing insurance coverage for the center. Adding the facility's insurance onto the town's coverage would probably not add to the town's premium, she said.

Henley said she would continue to check out insurance possibilities.

Volunteer help

The central facility could be run by a volunteer coordinator and several volunteer workers. Henley said she's already looking for a coordinator. That person must be willing to donate 10 to 12 hours of their time for about six months, she said.

The volunteers would staff the center and sort clothing and other donations. She added that sometimes people's needs go beyond food and clothing and that the center could also house donated small appliances and kitchen goods.

"We'd like to charge minimal fees," Henley said. "It allows people to have some pride. There's room for deals, people could trade things or volunteer their time in exchange for goods."

Maryvonne Wheeler, community service worker for Community Concepts and their resource committee representative said, "I have a big interest in it. It makes economical sense and recycling sense. People could purchase clothes and small appliances at a small price and the money could be turned back into the food bank."

Rotary Club President David Murphy said he's all for the plan. The Rotary Club sponsors the Christmas for Children program, but as Crescent Park School principal, Murphy said he sees families that need more than toys.

"It was obvious at Christmas that people are hurting," Murphy said. "We had a lot more requests this year. It was great to find out what's out there. There's everything—food, clothes, boots and shoes. At the very least we're getting some kind of directory on who provides what."

Henley said the only problem she

sees with the plan is the possibility that local organizations may not want to give up programs they've run themselves for years.

Henley said the concern was a valid one and it may turn out that the groups remain separate and that no organization should feel pressured to join into a central facility.

Methodist Church minister Lisa Vonderheide said that local churches have run their own programs for years, but that she is willing to listen to the proposal and help get others involved in it.

"The churches need to be part of the project," Vonderheide said. "The ministry has been there for people. Sometimes the personal contact I have with people couldn't happen without our food pantry. Sometimes people have run their own programs for years, but that she is willing to listen to the proposal and help get others involved in it."

Henley said more meetings are planned to work out the feasibility of the resource center.

More people than ever need help

The usual extra winter expenses combined with tough economic times are making it hard for people to make ends meet.

Most area selectmen and town managers report that general assistance claims are still going up.

Last year, town officials seemed surprised at the number of people asking for help; but this year, even though more people are in need, town officials have come to treat the need for help as business as usual.

"The initial shock was last year," said Greenwood selectman Marie Bartlett. "We've tripled the amount of general assistance this year compared to last. When people have moved or found employment, it seems like somebody else is there to take their place."

In Woodstock, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said his general assistance costs have doubled. "Last year we spent \$9,700," he said. "This year I've already spent a little over \$20,000 and we've got \$17,000 back from the state. The Legislature is talking about stopping refunding the towns for general

assistance. If they do, they'll have to change the guidelines. Nobody can stand losing that money."

Henley said Bethel has also seen a rise in applicants. "We have a lot of new applicants and that's uncommon," she said. "We usually see the same eight or ten applicants all the time, but there's a lot of people in trouble out there now."

Andover selectman Fred Emerson was reluctant to talk about general assistance at all. "It's such a personal subject," Emerson said, "that I don't want to get into it. If putting facts and figures in the newspaper drives away anyone who wants help, then I don't want to talk about it."

Newry generally receives very few requests for assistance, according to selectman Steve Wight. So far this year no one has asked for help, he said.

Methodist Minister Vonderheide manages and stores the area's emergency food supply at her church. "In the four or five years I've been here, I've had six or seven requests a year," she said. "But this year, I've already had nine requests since right before Christmas."

Maryvonne Wheeler helps process Home Energy Assistance Program applications and said HEAP requests are up, too.

"The demand is higher than it's ever been before," Wheeler said. "And the program has been cut a little bit. Everyone's allotment will be a little less. We get calls every day from people who are running out of fuel and don't know what to do. It's a frightful situation that I never thought I'd see."

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